

LAKE KEPWARI — PREMIER COAL MINE SITE

2013. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for State Development:

I refer to the Lake Kepwari mine void on Yancoal Australia Group's Premier Coal mine site in Collie, and ask:

- (a) what role does the Department of State Development (DSD) have in the development of Lake Kepwari;
- (b) what development plans does the DSD have in place for Lake Kepwari;
- (c) what stage in the process is the DSD currently at of handing back Lake Kepwari from Yancoal to the Department of Parks and Wildlife;
- (d) what is the expected timeframe for this handover/transfer process; and
- (e) what total funding, past and present, has been expended for the development of Lake Kepwari?

Mr C.J. Barnett replied:

The Department of State Development advises:

- (a) The Department administers the *Collie Coal (Western Collieries) Agreement Act 1979* (State Agreement) under which Yancoal Australia Group's Premier Coal Pty Ltd operates.
- (b) None.
- (c) The Department is advising the Minister for State Development on Premier Coal's progress in implementing its proposal, that has been approved under the State Agreement, for rehabilitating the area around Lake Kepwari. Completion of this proposal, as approved, is a precondition of the land being transferred from the Mining Lease.
- (d) There is no set timeframe for Premier Coal to complete its proposal.
- (e) The Department has not expended funds on this. Until the area is transferred from the Mining Lease, Premier Coal is responsible for the area.